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**WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2016**

**The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**

**Members present:** Christopher Brown, Chairman, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, George Reich and Tom Reavey

**Staff:** Melissa Graves

**7:00 Request for Determination of Applicability**  
**8 Decorie Drive**  
The applicant was not present at the meeting. The project includes placement of a new septic system within 100' of a vegetated wetland. Several members of the Conservation Commission visited the site and observed the location of the new proposed septic system. The land was gently sloping towards the wetland area. They also observed yard waste piled within the vegetated wetland. Aside from grading and seeding, the majority of the work proposed is outside the 50' line of buffer zone.  
**Motion:** George Reich, close the meeting and issue a Negative #3 and a Positive #5 Determination with conditions including erosion control and removing yard waste from wetlands.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Robert McMaster  
**Unanimously in favor:** George Reich, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead and Tom Reavey

**7:15 Request for Determination of Applicability**  
**729 Monson Road**  
**Present:** Pete Levesque, Wetlands Consultants, Inc  
Several members of the Conservation Commission met on-site with Pete Levesque to verify the locations of delineated wetlands. There is a large area of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at the rear of the property. There is an existing home on the parcel with lawn area that has been historically maintained within the 100' buffer zone. The applicant is seeking permission to continue maintaining that portion of the property. The applicant also intends to divide the remainder of the parcel into 2 building lots pending Planning Board approval. No work is requested within the 100' buffer zone. An abutter voiced concerns regarding the wetlands as delineated and the drought year. Mr. Levesque explained that a drought year does not change the hydrology of the soils. Several soil samples were taken on-site confirming wetland location lines.  
**Motion:** George Reich, close the public meeting and issue a Positive 2A and a Negative 1 Determination  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead  
**Unanimously in favor:** George Reich, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead and Tom Reavey

- Appointment**      **Laurence Lloyd – Cedar Ridge Conservation Restriction**  
As part of the development requirements, a Conservation Restriction is required on the site. The area for the restriction is for the connection of 2 town-owned parcels and trail access. According to Mr. Lloyd, some surveying work still needs to be completed. The paperwork also needs to be completed and submitted. The Commission unanimously agreed to help with the paperwork.
- Appointment**      **Ferrindino Farms**  
Ferrindino Farms and the Town of Wilbraham currently have a contract for tapping maple trees on Conservation Property off Main Street. The lease is for tapping up to 400 trees. Since the Ferrindino's began running the lines, they discovered approximately 600 additional trees. They are seeking an amendment to the contract to include up to 1000 trees. Dave Graziano, the Wilbraham Tree Warden was present and indicated there should not be any issue with the additional tree tapping.  
**Motion:** George Reich, amend license to allow up to 1000 maple trees to be tapped  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jim Roberts  
**Unanimously in favor:** George Reich, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead and Tom Reavey
- Discussion**      **Emerald Ash Borer**  
**Present: David Graziano, Tree Warden**  
Mr. Graziano explained to the group that the EAB is the most invasive destructive bug in the country currently and can kill an Ash tree within 2-3 years. He would like to inventory the Ash trees in Wilbraham and be proactive in protecting them prior to the infestation of the EAB. He indicated that he will be applying for a grant to inventory the trees as well as start a program for protecting and/or removal of the trees. The Conservation Commission overwhelmingly applauded his efforts and will help in the progress.
- Discussion**      **Oakland Street Forest Management Project - Update**  
The bid specs are ready for distribution to potential forestry companies. Will be sent out with a bid due date of November 14, 2016.
- Discussion**      **Three Rivers Road Forest Management Project - Update**  
The bid specs are ready for distribution to potential forestry companies. Will be sent out with a bid due date of November 14, 2016.
- Discussion**      **694 Glendale Road (Enforcement Order)**  
No updates at this time
- Discussion**      **6 Decorie Drive - Update**  
There is no new information at this time and this item will be on future agendas until it is resolved.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:15 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

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Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Christopher Brown, Chairman  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_